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SUBJECT: U.S. - CANADA FISHING DISPUTE

1. TO DATE, VANCOUVER PRESS REPORTS ON U.S. - CANADA FISHING DISPUTE ARE LOW-KEY AND GENERALLY FACTUAL IN NATURE. NO RPT NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS YET APPEARED. VANCOUVER SUN OF MAY 9 REPORTS THAT THE FEDERAL FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN VANCOUVER HAS URGED THAT B.C. FISHERMEN HEAD FOR FISHING GROUNDS OFF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA WHILE THE U.S. COURT DECISION IS DISPUTED. FISHERIES OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT U.S. COURT ORDER CAN BE EXPECTED TO APPLY TO U.S. WATERS OFF ALASKA AS WELL AS WASHINGTON AND THAT THE THREAT TO THE HALIBUT FISHERY IS POTENTIALLY A MORE SERIOUS SITUATION THAN THAT FACED BY B.C. SALMON TROLLERMEN.

2. PREMIER BENNETT TOLD B.C. LEGISLATURE MAY 8 HE HAS SENT PM TRUDEAU A TELEGRAM ASKING FOR "CLEAR AND CONCISE" FEDERAL ACTION TO CHALLENGE THE U.S. COURT RULING WHICH PLACES CANADIAN FISHING INTERESTS "IN A DECIDEDLY INEQUITABLE AND DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO U.S. INTERESTS."

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